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It Worden's statement is not a "death-bed confession," it ought to be something pretty close to it—say within about thirty days of it.

Kings county supervisors have purchased two large sparkling wagons to be used in sprinkling county roads. Fresno county may yet learn a lesson in enterprise from Baby Kings.

Governor Boies has a new currency scheme up his sleeve, and there is a suspicion abroad that he is keeping it there to play on the next Democratic national convention, all the same. Billie Bryan.

A Pasadena editor unkindly refers to a contemporary as an "incubus," which is pretty strong language to be used in that village where anything stronger than circus lemonade is held to be a high crime.

Charles Fair, it is reported, has again been compelled to resort to the gold cure. If Mr. Fair continues at this rate the world's stock of gold will suffer a serious decrease in spite of the Klondike discoveries.

The rate of farm to Randsburg has been reduced, but that will hardly serve to turn the tide of gold hunters from Alaska. The people are "dead set" on going where they can drive dog teams and freeze up with the country.

Panama butter is the find of the hour in the swell hotels of London, which shows how slow these people are over there. American boarding houses have been working that scheme so long that it has become a cliche.

The Chicago congregation has voted to retain Parnes Brown, which reminds us that somebody ought to extend the glad hand to Mattie Overman. It is palpably unjust that Brown should enjoy all the glory and that she should come out of this little affair.

The Los Angeles fiesta has been abandoned this year because the railroad refused to make their usual contributions. The Espes doubters feel that it will need all its surplus cash to build a harbor at Santa Monica now that the government has declined to do the job for it.

CLEARING THE WAY.

The Fresno Chamber of Commerce acted upon the public park proposition in relation to the Boeding-Webb land donation last night, and decided in favor of the acceptance of a modified proposition of more than two to one. The whole question at issue was discussed in a very thorough and spirited manner, and the understanding arrived at will undoubtedly go far towards dissipating opposition to the undertaking, which was based principally upon the amount required to be expended for the improvement of the park during the first five years. The opinion has been quite general that an expenditure of \$5000 per year for the purpose is excessive, in view of the high taxes now levied for other purposes.

The reduction of this requirement to an amount not to exceed an annual levy of five cents on the hundred dollars of taxable property reduces the amount required nearly one-half, and certainly leaves no room for complaint regarding the extravagance of the proposition. A city of the size of Fresno that cannot afford to expend say \$3000 per year in the improvement of a public park, thereby acquiring the ownership of over 200 acres of land adjacent to the city limits, is not in a position to hold up its head among the progressive communities of the state.

In view of this modified proposal on the part of the donors of the land and the stated purpose to place the management of the park in the hands of a commission, the Republican believes that ordinary regard for the future of the city and the growing need of a convenient resort for the people dictates that the offer should be accepted and the work of creating a park begun.

Mr. La Rue, the Railroad Commissioner, has always been represented by the Democratic party to be a staunch anti-monopolist, but now that he is mentioned as a candidate for Governor the cry is raised that he is a friend of the Southern Pacific. If La Rue is what his fellow partisans now charge him with being they have worked the shell game on the people in his case very successfully in the past. It seems entirely possible, however, that the gentleman from the rural districts of Sacramento is getting in somebody's way and an effort is being made to secure him off the track.

The Senate committee on appropriations has recommended increases in the fortifications bill that will bring the amount up to \$9,000,000, or nearly double the amount appropriated by the House. Considering the strained relations between this country and Spain and the turn for the worse given the situation by the De Lome incident, it would be wise for the Senate to adopt the committee's amendments and for the House to concur in them. In fact the action of the Senate committee is an ominous sign, for it is altogether improbable that it would have recommended such a great increase in the appropriation for fortifications had it not

been convinced that the situation demanded it. At no time since the Cuban rebellion began have the United States and Spain been so near to war. It would take very little to cause hostilities to open, and Congress should do nothing that would impede the government in putting the country in a good defensive condition. Unwise economy in this matter might result in bringing upon us most serious humiliations.

The unpleasant experience of Rev. J. H. Kelly, a negro preacher at Pasadena, should serve as a warning to that large number of men who read in bed. Mr. Kelly upon retiring a few nights ago assumed a comfortable position, read a few lines in the newspaper—we don't know whether it was the *Star* or the *News*—and fell asleep. His room began to move and the sound attracted the attention of a mouse. The animal crawled into Mr. Kelly's wide open mouth and securing a square meal continued its journey until it reached the stomach. It took a doctor two hours to separate Mr. Kelly and the mouse. Of course the reverend gentleman might have "assimilated" the rodent, but his long indulgence in yellow-legged chicken probably spoiled his appetite for mouse. Besides, the dispatches do not say that the mouse took off its fat before jumping down Mr. Kelly's throat, and even a yellow-legged chicken would not be very appetizing with its plume on. However, these matters have nothing to do with the moral of the story, which we recommend to the careful consideration of the people who read in bed of nights.

READY FOR ANNEXATION.

The Republican believes that the time has finally come when the people of the additions immediately adjacent to the city would vote to become part of greater Fresno and accept their share of the burdens and the advantages of an incorporated city. The suburban residents are feeling more and more with each passing year the need of a sewer system, protection from fire, and improved streets. These things they cannot have without becoming a part of the city, and many of them who have heretofore opposed annexation are now convinced that the saving in taxes that is made by staying out is very poor economy in the long run. They are convinced for one thing that the health of so densely settled a territory cannot be maintained without means to dispose of the sewage, and that the lives of themselves and families will become jeopardized by continued neglect of the only means by which this safeguard against infectious diseases can be secured. Other advantages to be secured are important, but the former has become a paramount necessity.

The mistake that has been made in former annexation movements has been the attempt to include too much territory. People living a mile or mile and a half from the city limits know that they cannot for a long time to come be given any advantages by the city government, and they very naturally decline to pay for what they cannot get. This is a mistake that need not be repeated. Let the additions adjoining the city come in first, and those more remotely situated will follow in due time.

CAPTAIN MAHAN, one of the best naval authorities in the world, is of the opinion that the United States should annex the Hawaiian Islands. He declares that their possession would strengthen the United States and that a greater navy would not be needed for the defense of the Pacific Coast than would be required with the islands unannexed. If the islands were ours and we had in the Pacific a fleet of proper force, the presence of the latter, or of an adequate detachment from it, at the islands would materially weaken if not wholly cripple any attempted invasion of the Pacific Coast (except from British Columbia) and consequently would proportionally strengthen us. Captain Mahan believes further that it is not practicable for any trans-Pacific country to invade this coast without occupying Hawaii as a base, and it is to our interest, of course, to prevent such a contingency. The only way in which the United States can do this is to annex the islands. The captain's statements not only make clear the strategic value of the islands to the United States, but also dispose of the argument of the anti-annexationists that it would require an additional navy to defend it and would therefore be a source of great expense to the government.

AMONG RUMORS uses many words in the *Examiner* to tell the world that commercial retaliation is a bad thing and foolish. Of course it is; and it is bad to slight your mother-in-law and foolish to kick at a hat that has a brick under it, yet these things are done and always will be done. There's a lot of satisfaction in thumping an enemy, even if you skin your own knuckles, and no one knows this better than Mr. Bierce.

THE Los Angeles *Times* swears an undiluted eastern critic under the belt in this heartless way: "The snow is three feet deep in Rhode Island, consequently that state is now about as thick through one way as it is the other." A state capable of electing a Republican senator hadn't really ought to be spoken of in that cruel way, even if it is a dwarf.

RANDOM REMARKS.

Ohrens, Guatemala's new president, is described as an honest man of good habits. If Guatemala finds this out the shock will hurt her worse than would a dozen revolutions.

The Washington *Star* says that the consumption of handkerchiefs in the United States is about \$22,000,000 a year. An investigation would probably elicit the fact that widows are the smallest consumers.

The oldest "newsboy" in the world celebrated his eightieth birthday at Joliet last Friday. The oldest newsboy is still far behind the oldest ballet "girl."

and he will have to age at a much livelier rate to catch up with her.

Mrs. Ogden Mills, one of the leaders of New York society, says that "nothing spoils the social life of a community like a few common people." Yet not a season passes that she does not dip her own carcase into the inoffensive old Atlantic.

A populist member of the Kentucky legislature wants the name of Carlisle county in that state changed to William Jennings Bryan county. That's right; it isn't a bit too early for Willie's friends to take steps to have him commemorated by posterity, even though it be at the expense of Carlisle.

The San Francisco *Report* of Friday painted off a picture of W. R. Thomas of this city as a likeness of General Fuenteb, one of the insurgent chiefs of Guatemala. This is rather hard on the Fresno, for could he ever find it necessary to go to Guatemala on business he would have a pretty time trying to escape being converted into a sieve.

"De Lome will go home," says the San Jose *Mercury*, hoping to perpetrate a truth and a rhyme at the same time. As it succeeded in telling the truth, too much fault should not be found with it for failing to make a rhyme, but it will do no harm to inform the *Mercury* that the name of the ex-Spanish Minister to the United States does not rhyme with "home."

The coeds of the Kansas State University have made a solemn vow not to dance with any of the college boys whose breath smells of liquor. As many of the girls do not know what the odor of whisky, brandy, gin, beer, etc., is like one of the most knowing of the co-eds has been appointed official sniffer. Whenever there's a ball the official sniffer will ask each of the young men in the room to oblige her with a whiff of his breath, and if the odor of liquor is detected on even one student all the girls will leave the ball room in a body. Should this example be widely followed there will be a fortune for the man who discovers how to make "red liquor" odorless without spoiling its taste.

R. M. M.

A RICH STRIKE.

John Bell's Placer Claim in
Auberry Valley.

Large Deposit of Gold Indicated.
Twenty-Eight Cents to
the Pan.

The discovery of a placer mine in Auberry valley this week by John Bell is creating a great deal of interest among mining men in that vicinity. The indications are favorable for the opening up of a lively mining camp, as the deposit of gravel rich in gold is said to be quite extensive. Prospectors are at work in the vicinity of the Bell claim expecting to strike a similar streak of pay dirt. A telephone message was received yesterday in regard to the strike. It was stated that four men are engaged working the Bell claim and the dirt goes as high as 28 cents to the pan. The pay streak seems to be a large one and the claim is developed as becoming more apparent that the owner has made a profitable discovery.

The pay dirt was accidentally discovered this week while John Bell was plowing near a place known as Halber's hill. Bell noticed that the soil he was turning had a reddish color to it. Without expecting any great results he washed out a pan of the dirt. To his surprise it went as high as 5 cents to the pan. A little prospecting and he found a pay streak that went as high as 25 cents. Later as high as 28 cents was secured from one pan.

Four men have since been engaged on the diggings and the prospects are considered very promising.

SPICKETT COMPANY.

What the Sacramento "Bee" Says
of "A Kentucky Hero."

Spickett's Comedy Company which comes to the Barton opera house tomorrow night for a week's engagement opening in the military comedy "A Kentucky Hero," is described by the Sacramento *Bee* as follows: "The Spickett Company last night furnished an excellent dramatic entertainment at the Metropolitan theater at an extremely low price of admission. The play was 'A Kentucky Hero,' written by Robert Fernal—whose stage name is Robert Jefferson—son of Judge Robert Fernal, of San Francisco, and the young man sustained the principal part, that of Steve, the slave boy, in a very creditable manner. The play possesses much real merit. It is a war-time story of the South, replete with dramatic and even touching incidents, and is well told, together with admirable situations, having a strain of good sentiment throughout it, avoiding long speeches—the same of the productions of young playwrights—and presenting what it has in characters say in English that is understandable and natural."

THE Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartette, which will appear at the Casino at the Casino in the Pelican at Barton's Armory hall tomorrow night is thus spoken of by the San Jose *Mercury*: "The Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartette rendered a most enjoyable program last evening at Germania hall. The entire company are artists of high order. The most clever and entertaining, while the recitations of Mr. McVey were extremely amusing. The ladies of the company are all of more than ordinary ability and from among them it is almost impossible to give precedence. Mrs. Lovie Lenz Turell, the contralto, possesses a voice of wonderful power and range, while Miss Maebel Delmy has a sweet and attractive voice. Miss May Davis and Miss Elsie Swenson are both singers of rare ability. As a whole it must be said that the Schubert Symphony and Ladies' Quartette Club are most pleasant entertainers."

Attention, Odd Fellows!

All Odd Fellows are requested to meet on Sunday, February 13th, at 1 p. m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, James McCord. By order of Fresno Lodge No. 186, L. O. O. F. S. L. Platt, Noble Grand. E. M. Dinsor, Secretary.

Fresh fish and oysters daily, vegetables, etc., at Columbia Market, 2130 Fresno street. Telephone Red 795.

If you are up to date, your ad. will be in the new directory.

DRESS GOODS.

New Fabrics, New Styles, Popular Prices at Kutner-Goldstein Co.'s.

Fresno's greatest department store, Kutner-Goldstein's, is keeping well up with the Eastern and European houses in the matter of goods, styles and prices in all departments of their mammoth concern. Especially is this fact noticeable at present, however, in the dry goods department, where there may be seen a most elaborate display of dress goods in all the latest styles. The Kutner-Goldstein Co. instructs its buyers in New York and Paris to keep thoroughly posted and to miss no opportunity of securing for the people of Fresno and Central California the choicest novelties obtainable in the world's markets. By their system of large cash purchases they give their customers the benefit of the lowest retail prices that prevail anywhere. This is why Kutner-Goldstein's are the largest and most popular stores in the interior of California.

State Teachers' Association. SAN FRANCISCO, February 12.—The executive committee of the state Teachers' Association met in this city today at the office of City School Superintendent Webster. Charles W. Childs of San Jose, president of the association, and New John Sweet and Dr. David Starr Jordan had consented to deliver addresses at the next annual meeting to be held in Santa Rosa. He also announced that he was in communication with President Eliot of Harvard and President G. Stanley of the Chicago University, with the view of inducing one or the other of the two distinguished gentlemen to attend the Santa Rosa gathering.

Workmen, Attention! Fresno, February 11, 1898. Attention! Members of the Vigilante Lodge No. 171, A. O. U. W., will meet at Spiny Hall at 1 o'clock p. m., February 13th, to attend the funeral of Brother James McCord. By order, J. H. TEXAS, W. M.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, Thos. Egan and J. P. Hamilton, conducting the business known as the White Star Steam Laundry, with office at 1033 I street, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Hamilton will collect all bills and settle all accounts of the firm, continue the business at the same place. THOS. J. EGAN, J. P. HAMILTON. Fresno, Cal., February 12, 1898.

The Winding Number. Ticket No. 19 won the best paid and pillowslows last evening. Holder please call at 1120 I street. Mrs. HAMILTON.

A Hint

Is shown out to cash buyers in Louis Hering's advertisement in today's *Republican* which it would be to their advantage to observe. Read it.

Norman makes wheels to order.

Violent Tea.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will give their annual violent tea at Kutner Hall on Wednesday evening, February 13th.

Doors, windows, mouldings and office fittings at Fresno Planning Mill and Furniture Factory.

An ad. in the city directory is a live ad. for a long time.

It Holds Like a Bottle.
Chas. Cluthe's "Genuine" Truss
There is only one way to buy a Truss and that is to do it right. You never have to wear one ever again. You can't get a better one. Every ruptured person should examine this truss and get healed.

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Very kindergartens are the children of today. Kindergarten and all manner of children are regulated for their pleasure. Children love flowers. We hope you contemplate having several in your home. You will find them in stands. Perhaps several. See them at

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Commencing tomorrow (Monday) and continuing for sixty days, \$10,000 of Wash Dress Fabrics and \$10,000 in transit must be sold at manufacturers' cost. NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED.

Monday, February 14th.

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| 20 yards Figured Dimity for \$1. | 30 yards Fine Lawn for \$1. |
| 16 yards Coshes Imperme, a nice fabric for shirt waists and dresses, for \$1. | 20 yards Dress Gingham for \$1. |
| 14 yards Danthin Dimity for \$1. | 15 yards Britany Twill wool effect for \$1. |
| 14 yards Moline Dimity for \$1. | |
| 12 yards Boucle Stripes and Figures for \$1. | |
| 12 yards Condon Dimity for \$1. | |
| 10 yards Alsatian Cloth for \$1. | |
| 10 yards Carquac d'Orquand for \$1. | |
| 8 yards Organdie Imperial for \$1. | |
| Large assortment Boyer Vestale, 15c a yard. | |
| Full line San Remo Organdie, 20c a yard. | |
| Full range Organdie Valencia, 20c a yard. | |
| Magnificent line Imperial Swiss Mull, 25c a yard. | |
| 10 yards Costume Cloth for \$1. | |

SPECIAL.
50 pieces Lichen Crash Salting at 12 1/2c a yard.
25 pieces Lichen Crash Salting, 15c a yard.
15 pieces Monmi Crash, 20c a yard.
10 pieces Out Meil Crash, 25c a yard.
10 pieces Boucle Crash, 25c a yard.
50 pieces Heavy Satin, 10c a yard.
14 yards 36-inch Fruit of the Loom Muslin for \$1.
14 yards 36-inch Lonsdale Muslin for \$1.
Sheetings at mill prices.
100 pieces 48-inch Diethol, all colors, 15c a yard.

SPECIAL.
Just received first shipment of 50 dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists, 50c to \$2 apiece.

See our five show windows for the Largest Display of Wash Fabrics on the Pacific Coast. We respectfully invite all close cash buyers to call and examine the largest and most select stock of Wash Dress Materials ever shown on this coast at prices which cannot be duplicated west of New York. Goods shown freely whether purchasing or not. Store opens 7 a. m., closes 5:30 p. m., Saturday evenings 10 p. m.

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MARIPOSA AND J STREETS.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California. In the matter of James A. Roberts, an insolvent debtor. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL THE creditors who have proved their claims against the above named insolvent to appear before the said court, at the court room of Department No. 1 thereof, on the 21st day of March, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and show cause if any they have why the said James A. Roberts, insolvent, should not be discharged from all his debts in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided. Dated January 27th, 1898. T. G. Hart, Clerk.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California. In the matter of W. F. McVey, an insolvent debtor. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL THE creditors who have proved their claims against the above named insolvent to appear before the said court, at the court room of Department No. 1 thereof, on the 21st day of March, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and show cause if any they have why the said W. F. McVey, insolvent, should not be discharged from all his debts in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided. Dated January 27th, 1898. T. G. Hart, Clerk.

Foreclosure Sale.

Public notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1898, at 12 o'clock p. m., on that day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Fresno, County of Fresno, state of California, pursuant to an order of sale made by the court, in and to the effect that I, the undersigned, will sell by public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described piece or parcel of land, to-wit: The west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-eight (28), and the east half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine (29), in township 10 N., range 10 E., in the 1st Meridian, being 160 acres of land, according to the United States government survey.

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Commissioner appointed by the court in said action. F. H. Short and F. K. Cook, attorneys for plaintiff.

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